

## **Nathaniel Smith – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Nathaniel was the son of Daniel Smith and Mary (Young) Smith and the grandson of Ralph Smith who arrived in Eastham about 1654. Nathaniel was born in Eastham in 1687. He married Abigail Gross in 1716. He does not appear in the Eastham death records.

1711

Granted to Daniel Smith and his son Nathaniel Smith and their heirs each four acres of land. The whole eight acres were on the western side of the head of Boat Meadow. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T23.

Land at Great Island at Billingsgate was divided into twenty-four approximately equal sized lots. Lot twelve was granted to Nathaniel Smith, Joseph Higgins, Samuel Knowles and Richard Sparrow. Lot dimensions were not given but most lots were about six or seven acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T88.

Granted to Nathaniel Smith and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot next to lots of Joseph Collins and William Walker and next to the cart way. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. There was no other indication of lot location. PDF T177.

1715

Granted to Nathaniel Smith and William Merrick and their heirs a lot on the easterly side of the cart way that went from Stephen Atwood's towards Billingsgate. The lot ran due east to the Backside Sea and north twenty-four pole. Most of these lots ran due east about one mile which would make the lot about forty-six acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T235.

Granted to Nathaniel Smith and William Myrick and their heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was north of the Herring Brook at Billingsgate and east of the way that went from Herring Brook towards the head of Pamet. The parcel was next to land of Ebenezer Freeman and land of Thomas Mulford. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about three acres. The second parcel was near Herring Brook and near the land and dwelling house of Isaac Pierce. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about six acres. PDF T302.

1723

Nathaniel Smith complained that land laid out to his father Daniel in 1703 next to Stage Harbor was spoiled by drifting sand. In exchange the Town gave him land on Nauset Flats next to land of Thomas Rogers providing Nathaniel gave up all claims to the original land. The dimensions indicate the new grant was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T330.

The Eastham land owned by Nathaniel Smith or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about fifty acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Smiths received Eastham land grants.